



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 9 Percent from Last Year

March 2014 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

March 2015 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during March 2015 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.94 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the amount certified in March 2014. The February 2015 revised certified total at 3.49 billion pounds, was up slightly from February 2014. The February revision represented an increase of 7.70 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during March 2015 was 5.20 billion pounds, up 9 percent from 4.77 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.49 billion pounds, up 9 percent from March 2014. Mature chickens, at 68.6 million pounds, were up 5 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 626 million pounds, up 9 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 16.7 million pounds, up 20 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during March 2015 averaged 6.07 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from March 2014. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.72 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during March 2015 averaged 31.2 pounds per bird, up slightly from March 2014.

Ante-mortem condemnations during March 2015 totaled 12.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.23 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 42.4 million pounds, were 1.07 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.04 percent a year earlier.

Number Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	March 2014	February 2015	March 2015	March 2015 as % of		January to March		2015 as percent of 2014
				March 2014	February 2015	2014	2015	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Number slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	689,189	654,077	740,467	107	113	2,058,211	2,119,308	103
Mature	11,761	11,408	11,996	102	105	35,853	35,368	99
Light	6,147	5,678	5,955	97	105	19,012	17,959	94
Heavy	5,614	5,730	6,041	108	105	16,841	17,409	103
Total	700,950	665,485	752,463	107	113	2,094,064	2,154,676	103
Turkeys								
Young	18,322	17,203	19,955	109	116	53,384	56,562	106
Old	97	140	146	151	104	311	411	132
Total	18,419	17,343	20,101	109	116	53,695	56,973	106
Ducks	2,012	2,088	2,436	121	117	6,203	6,895	111
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,120,110	3,982,620	4,492,845	109	113	12,339,137	12,909,335	105
Mature	65,527	64,721	68,582	105	106	198,111	199,386	101
Light	19,821	18,270	19,557	99	107	61,365	58,120	95
Heavy	45,706	46,451	49,025	107	106	136,746	141,266	103
Total	4,185,637	4,047,341	4,561,427	109	113	12,537,248	13,108,721	105
Turkeys								
Young	569,468	538,065	622,515	109	116	1,659,142	1,772,122	107
Old	2,752	4,129	3,950	144	96	8,538	11,647	136
Total	572,220	542,194	626,465	109	116	1,667,680	1,783,769	107
Ducks	13,881	14,407	16,666	120	116	42,680	47,321	111
Other ¹	161	156	180	112	115	484	529	109
Total	4,771,899	4,604,098	5,204,738	109	113	14,248,092	14,940,340	105
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.98	6.09	6.07	102	100	6.00	6.09	102
Mature	5.57	5.67	5.72	103	101	5.53	5.64	102
Light	3.22	3.22	3.28	102	102	3.23	3.24	100
Heavy	8.14	8.11	8.12	100	100	8.12	8.11	100
Total	5.97	6.08	6.06	102	100	5.99	6.08	102
Turkeys								
Young	31.08	31.28	31.20	100	100	31.08	31.33	101
Old	28.37	29.49	27.05	95	92	27.45	28.34	103
Total	31.07	31.26	31.17	100	100	31.06	31.31	101
Ducks	6.90	6.90	6.84	99	99	6.88	6.86	100

¹ Includes geese, guineas, ostriches, emus, rheas, and squab.

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	March 2014	February 2015	March 2015	March 2015 as % of		January to March		2015 as percent of 2014
				March 2014	February 2015	2014	2015	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,835,822	2,740,890	3,077,228	109	112	8,471,067	8,863,923	105
Mature	41,456	41,184	43,942	106	107	124,361	126,504	102
Light	11,008	9,945	10,952	99	110	32,959	31,767	96
Heavy	30,448	31,239	32,990	108	106	91,402	94,737	104
Total	2,877,278	2,782,074	3,121,170	108	112	8,595,428	8,990,427	105
Turkeys								
Young	243,704	255,770	296,763	122	116	744,680	844,075	113
Old	1,856	2,967	2,688	145	91	5,991	7,950	133
Total	245,560	258,737	299,451	122	116	750,671	852,025	114
Ducks	3,999	3,660	4,490	112	123	12,206	12,471	102
Other ¹	105	102	116	110	114	320	345	108
Total	3,126,942	3,044,573	3,425,227	110	113	9,358,625	9,855,268	105
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	262,755	259,774	304,212	116	117	812,229	847,003	104
Mature	8	-	-	(X)	(X)	13	-	(X)
Light	8	-	-	(X)	(X)	8	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	5	-	(X)
Total	262,763	259,774	304,212	116	117	812,242	847,003	104
Turkeys								
Young	211,286	175,733	202,229	96	115	581,290	576,054	99
Old	254	132	249	98	189	490	766	156
Total	211,540	175,865	202,478	96	115	581,780	576,820	99
Ducks	6,061	6,678	7,577	125	113	18,643	21,645	116
Other ¹	7	9	8	114	89	19	24	126
Total	480,371	442,326	514,275	107	116	1,412,684	1,445,492	102
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,098,577	3,000,664	3,381,440	109	113	9,283,296	9,710,926	105
Mature	41,464	41,184	43,942	106	107	124,374	126,504	102
Light	11,016	9,945	10,952	99	110	32,967	31,767	96
Heavy	30,448	31,239	32,990	108	106	91,402	94,737	104
Total	3,140,041	3,041,848	3,425,382	109	113	9,407,670	9,837,430	105
Turkeys								
Young	454,990	431,503	498,992	110	116	1,325,970	1,420,129	107
Old	2,110	3,099	2,937	139	95	6,481	8,716	134
Total	457,100	434,602	501,929	110	115	1,332,451	1,428,845	107
Ducks	10,060	10,338	12,067	120	117	30,849	34,116	111
Other ¹	112	111	124	111	112	339	369	109
Total	3,607,313	3,486,899	3,939,502	109	113	10,771,309	11,300,760	105

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	March 2014	February 2015	March 2015	March 2015 as % of		January to March		2015 as percent of 2014
				March 2014	February 2015	2014	2015	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	8,933	10,010	10,227	114	102	26,786	30,300	113
Mature	699	835	771	110	92	2,221	2,361	106
Light	257	322	296	115	92	887	916	103
Heavy	442	513	475	107	93	1,334	1,445	108
Total	9,632	10,845	10,998	114	101	29,007	32,661	113
Turkeys								
Young	1,295	1,479	1,518	117	103	4,175	4,577	110
Old	31	58	54	174	93	114	163	143
Total	1,326	1,537	1,572	119	102	4,289	4,740	111
Ducks	29	45	36	124	80	125	128	102
Total ¹	10,987	12,427	12,606	115	101	33,421	37,529	112
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.22	0.25	0.23	105	92	0.22	0.23	105
Mature	1.07	1.29	1.12	105	87	1.12	1.18	105
Light	1.30	1.76	1.51	116	86	1.45	1.58	109
Heavy	0.97	1.10	0.97	100	88	0.98	1.02	104
Total	0.23	0.27	0.24	104	89	0.23	0.25	109
Turkeys								
Young	0.23	0.27	0.24	104	89	0.25	0.26	104
Old	1.13	1.40	1.37	121	98	1.34	1.40	104
Total	0.23	0.28	0.25	109	89	0.26	0.27	104
Ducks	0.21	0.31	0.22	105	71	0.29	0.27	93
Total ¹	0.23	0.27	0.24	104	89	0.23	0.25	109

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

² Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	March 2014	February 2015	March 2015	March 2015 as % of		January to March		2015 as percent of 2014
				March 2014	February 2015	2014	2015	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	29,089	29,942	32,541	112	109	86,259	94,256	109
Mature	2,309	2,277	2,415	105	106	6,512	7,032	108
Light	934	835	863	92	103	2,691	2,623	97
Heavy	1,375	1,442	1,552	113	108	3,821	4,409	115
Total	31,398	32,219	34,956	111	108	92,771	101,288	109
Turkeys								
Young	6,133	6,338	6,994	114	110	18,100	20,211	112
Old	123	164	167	136	102	347	466	134
Total	6,256	6,502	7,161	114	110	18,447	20,677	112
Ducks	253	278	300	119	108	788	886	112
Other	1	1	2	200	200	3	4	133
Total	37,908	39,000	42,419	112	109	112,009	122,855	110
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.93	0.99	0.95	102	96	0.92	0.96	104
Mature	5.27	5.24	5.21	99	99	4.98	5.27	106
Light	7.82	7.75	7.30	93	94	7.55	7.63	101
Heavy	4.32	4.41	4.49	104	102	4.01	4.45	111
Total	0.99	1.05	1.01	102	96	0.98	1.02	104
Turkeys								
Young	1.33	1.45	1.38	104	95	1.35	1.40	104
Old	5.51	5.03	5.38	98	107	5.08	5.08	100
Total	1.35	1.47	1.41	104	96	1.37	1.43	104
Ducks	2.45	2.62	2.43	99	93	2.49	2.53	102
Other	0.88	0.89	1.59	181	179	0.88	1.07	122
Total	1.04	1.11	1.07	103	96	1.03	1.08	105

¹ Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause and Type – United States: February and March 2015

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	4,398	6,252	939,489	1,008,975
Mature	-	-	544	532	156,791	155,098
Light	-	-	464	444	121,560	120,785
Heavy	-	-	80	88	35,231	34,313
Total	-	-	4,942	6,784	1,096,280	1,164,073
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	46	42	34,161	37,033
Old	-	-	4	-	1,078	1,046
Total	-	-	50	42	35,239	38,079
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	764,969	814,193	5,613	4,135	18,226	19,201
Mature	21,054	22,232	164	284	36,926	36,093
Light	7,734	7,071	75	165	28,563	26,949
Heavy	13,320	15,161	89	119	8,363	9,144
Total	786,023	836,425	5,777	4,419	55,152	55,294
Turkeys						
Young	5,029	4,712	789	1,159	56	67
Old	301	336	1	7	160	135
Total	5,330	5,048	790	1,166	216	202
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	12,039	13,059	63,419	60,778	93,981	100,066
Mature	11,574	13,413	1,771	1,622	68,760	72,778
Light	11,176	13,058	1,237	1,043	63,525	68,075
Heavy	398	355	534	579	5,235	4,703
Total	23,613	26,472	65,190	62,400	162,741	172,844
Turkeys						
Young	116	139	1,293	1,292	1,560	2,028
Old	24	17	-	3	70	39
Total	140	156	1,293	1,295	1,630	2,067
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	19,571	16,790	668,339	711,872	2,590,044	2,755,321
Mature	242	312	92,450	88,676	390,276	391,040
Light	110	129	45,406	45,241	279,850	282,960
Heavy	132	183	47,044	43,435	110,426	108,080
Total	19,813	17,102	760,789	800,548	2,980,320	3,146,361
Turkeys						
Young	442	464	6,351	6,968	49,843	53,904
Old	18	23	304	354	1,960	1,960
Total	460	487	6,655	7,322	51,803	55,864

- Represents zero.

¹ Includes any portion of the carcass affected by an inflammatory process, plant-rejected carcasses, missing viscera, or ascites fluid preventing proper inspection of the carcass.

Young Chickens, Number Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: February and March 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	76,109	90,598	431,984	510,123	5.68	5.63
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	67,658	75,192	435,451	486,535	6.44	6.47
California	21,113	21,743	128,162	131,021	6.07	6.03
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	25,369	28,059	179,618	200,863	7.08	7.16
Florida	5,037	5,497	29,355	32,647	5.83	5.94
Georgia	96,594	107,700	561,157	625,199	5.81	5.81
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4,477	5,357	19,883	23,875	4.44	4.46
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	21,264	26,602	123,740	155,877	5.82	5.86
Louisiana	14,813	17,377	88,077	103,901	5.95	5.98
Maine	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Maryland	11,605	12,658	62,628	68,828	5.40	5.44
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,953	4,321	23,380	25,976	5.91	6.01
Mississippi	55,107	60,346	350,227	376,074	6.36	6.23
Missouri	33,483	37,712	162,843	181,554	4.86	4.81
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	91	98	428	485	4.69	4.95
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,895	2,155	9,607	10,530	5.07	4.89
North Carolina	57,256	65,288	443,963	506,632	7.75	7.76
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	5,873	6,618	34,275	36,764	5.84	5.56
Oklahoma	10,401	11,918	70,879	80,260	6.81	6.73
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	8,634	9,985	47,200	55,062	5.47	5.51
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	22,352	24,207	158,310	173,309	7.08	7.16
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	22,034	26,620	116,702	141,538	5.30	5.32
Texas	45,479	51,863	281,654	319,408	6.19	6.16
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	24,810	27,720	136,224	149,742	5.49	5.40
Washington	3,960	4,309	24,696	26,700	6.24	6.20
West Virginia	8,586	9,677	33,156	37,380	3.86	3.86
Wisconsin	3,985	4,406	16,659	18,462	4.18	4.19
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	654,077	740,467	3,982,620	4,492,845	6.09	6.07

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: February and March 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ¹		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent ²	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	329,234	387,531	3,174	3,542	0.95	0.91
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	326,482	367,020	3,747	4,278	1.13	1.15
California	95,664	98,003	813	756	0.84	0.77
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	130,252	146,190	1,744	1,945	1.32	1.31
Florida	22,016	24,481	183	193	0.83	0.78
Georgia	424,704	470,794	4,353	4,628	1.01	0.97
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	14,487	17,451	137	170	0.94	0.97
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	89,818	113,065	1,351	1,402	1.48	1.22
Louisiana	66,612	78,269	548	561	0.82	0.71
Maine	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Maryland	45,364	49,962	773	852	1.68	1.68
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	20,069	22,342	157	177	0.78	0.78
Mississippi	273,959	292,523	1,962	2,114	0.71	0.72
Missouri	121,066	135,505	1,288	1,400	1.05	1.02
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	299	340	4	5	1.23	1.44
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,059	6,490	153	154	2.46	2.32
North Carolina	346,532	394,705	3,356	3,696	0.96	0.93
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	25,532	27,395	306	316	1.18	1.14
Oklahoma	53,187	60,158	471	494	0.88	0.81
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	31,710	37,204	669	716	2.07	1.89
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	119,260	130,535	785	828	0.65	0.63
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	85,623	104,073	796	843	0.92	0.80
Texas	213,466	240,948	1,651	1,927	0.77	0.79
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	96,205	106,278	1,003	1,006	1.03	0.94
Washington	18,415	19,948	111	117	0.60	0.58
West Virginia	23,768	26,705	76	76	0.32	0.28
Wisconsin	12,166	13,486	163	162	1.32	1.19
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,000,664	3,381,440	29,942	32,541	0.99	0.95

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Young Chickens, Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: February and March 2015

[Published States do not add to United States total to avoid disclosure]

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	290	305	94,023	102,028
Arkansas	-	-	229	353	83,875	92,771
Delaware	-	-	699	1,714	71,925	77,150
Georgia	-	-	109	154	104,813	106,483
Mississippi	-	-	68	60	21,552	21,521
Missouri	-	-	54	35	60,080	62,983
North Carolina	-	-	144	289	96,046	110,811
Texas	-	-	27	22	72,873	85,718
Virginia	-	-	69	63	25,143	26,636
United States	-	-	4,398	6,252	939,489	1,008,975
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	49,854	55,605	414	392	1,481	1,748
Arkansas	40,418	44,757	1,448	1,565	919	1,143
Delaware	89,808	104,329	24	47	1,802	1,379
Georgia	135,732	143,621	135	206	2,721	2,652
Mississippi	14,647	15,265	33	29	460	535
Missouri	19,485	13,517	38	77	454	438
North Carolina	84,108	94,804	199	247	2,992	2,972
Texas	35,369	43,697	43	46	579	715
Virginia	52,616	54,381	9	8	617	666
United States	764,969	814,193	5,613	4,135	18,226	19,201
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,219	1,294	8,150	8,911	16,373	18,105
Arkansas	388	491	5,148	4,468	5,914	6,736
Delaware	1,459	1,621	1,484	1,714	4,464	5,225
Georgia	995	1,075	16,347	15,619	9,547	10,306
Mississippi	279	382	1,627	1,613	1,273	1,455
Missouri	165	242	977	810	2,645	3,417
North Carolina	817	854	12,239	11,656	4,850	5,401
Texas	338	465	1,093	1,175	4,422	4,858
Virginia	785	901	597	627	2,417	3,419
United States	12,039	13,059	63,419	60,778	93,981	100,066
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,053	1,305	64,160	61,229	237,017	250,922
Arkansas	1,300	899	38,938	55,939	178,577	209,122
Delaware	2,650	2,732	17,872	19,799	192,187	215,710
Georgia	3,078	2,643	121,943	132,421	395,420	415,180
Mississippi	345	242	14,194	15,492	54,478	56,594
Missouri	46	96	25,955	26,862	109,899	108,477
North Carolina	2,979	2,110	74,973	79,768	279,347	308,912
Texas	1,339	1,381	21,432	20,956	137,515	159,033
Virginia	688	1,180	13,428	15,140	96,369	103,021
United States	19,571	16,790	668,339	711,872	2,590,044	2,755,321

- Represents zero.

¹ Includes any portion of the carcass affected by an inflammatory process, plant-rejected carcasses, missing viscera, or ascites fluid preventing proper inspection of the carcass.

Young Turkeys, Number Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: February and March 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,789	3,123	56,906	63,378	20.40	20.29
California	612	800	19,503	23,553	31.87	29.43
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,673	1,825	66,192	72,544	39.58	39.75
Iowa	942	1,172	40,195	49,784	42.66	42.47
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Kentucky	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,234	3,669	87,043	96,198	26.91	26.22
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	837	917	29,580	31,616	35.36	34.49
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,540	1,970	57,678	74,904	37.44	38.03
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	396	466	17,258	20,397	43.56	43.74
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	568	669	15,226	17,774	26.82	26.55
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	483	564	6,937	8,441	14.37	14.98
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	1,921	2,269	53,564	63,939	27.89	28.18
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	17,203	19,955	538,065	622,515	31.28	31.20

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: February and March 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ¹		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent ²	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	47,772	52,658	309	335	0.64	0.63
California	15,633	18,933	158	164	1.00	0.86
Colorado	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	53,594	58,633	875	950	1.61	1.59
Iowa	31,538	39,180	583	717	1.81	1.80
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Kentucky	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	69,173	76,740	1,295	1,280	1.84	1.64
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	23,993	25,591	195	242	0.81	0.94
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	45,157	58,696	614	704	1.34	1.18
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	13,778	16,271	308	350	2.19	2.11
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	11,964	14,053	220	255	1.81	1.78
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	5,896	7,174	37	54	0.63	0.75
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	43,338	51,875	535	582	1.22	1.11
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	431,503	498,992	6,338	6,994	1.45	1.38

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(X) Not applicable.

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Terms and Definitions Used for Poultry Slaughter Estimates

Ante-Mortem Condemnations: Birds condemned prior to their entry into the slaughter plant.

Average Live Weight: The weight of the whole bird, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

Certified Ready-to-Cook: The weight of poultry certified wholesome by inspection after post-mortem condemnation pounds are removed. Ready-to-cook represents poultry meat ready for the marketing channel.

Dressing Percent: Usually expressed as a percentage yield of frozen and chilled carcass in relation to the weight of the live bird.

Ducks: Includes all ducks regardless of age and weight.

Federally Inspected (FI) Plants: Plants that transport meat interstate must employ federal inspectors to assure compliance with USDA standards.

Mature Chickens: Fowl from breeder and market egg flocks and stags and cocks.

Number of Head: Includes post-mortem condemnations.

Old Turkeys: Fully matured birds held for egg production, usually over 15 months of age.

Plant, Slaughter: An establishment where birds are killed and butchered.

Post-Mortem Condemnations: Carcasses or parts condemned by the inspector because of disease or mishandling and removed from the slaughter line and destroyed.

Slaughter: Killing and butchering of birds primarily for food.

Total Live Weight: The total weight of live birds, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

Young Chickens: Commercially grown broilers-fryers and other young immature birds such as roasters and capons.

Young Turkeys: Young birds grown to a matured market age, and other turkeys such as fryers/roasters and young breeders.

Statistical Methodology

Data Sources: Data for poultry slaughter estimates are collected by inspectors of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA for all Federally Inspected plants. Over 99 percent of the total United States slaughter for any species is under Federal Inspection. The number of head slaughtered daily, by species and class, as well as condemnations and total live and dressed weights are obtained by shift for each plant. Approximately 300 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2012. Young chickens were slaughtered in 37 States, young turkeys in 28 States.

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Procedures and Reliability: Plant inspectors submit data electronically for each shift a plant operates. An edit provides checks for the detection of errors such as invalid plant information, duplication, and erroneous data. Data are accumulated to monthly totals for this release.

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